

the Department of Defense (DoD) plan for complying with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (IPERA) of 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6847. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) Bylaws, Rules, and Appeal Procedures" (RIN3095-AB76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6848. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-385, "Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6849. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Garden not being able to file its audit report within six months of the close of its fiscal year ending December 31, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6850. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to applications for delayed-notice search warrants and extensions during fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6851. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2011 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6852. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Statutory Amendments Requiring the Qualification of Manufacturers and Importers of Processed Tobacco and Other Amendments Related to Permit Requirements, and the Expanded Definition of Roll-Your-Own Tobacco" (RIN1513-AB72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 5, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6853. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2011 Wiretap Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6854. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement Miscellaneous Post Patent Provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act" (RIN0651-AC66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6855. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Preissuance Submissions by Third Parties Provision of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act" (RIN0651-AC67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6856. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dependency

and Indemnity Compensation Payable to a Surviving Spouse with One or More Children Under Age 18" (RIN2900-AO38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6857. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Benefits for Survivors of Former Prisoners of War Rated Totally Disabled at Time of Death" (RIN2900-AO22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2218. A bill to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-180).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1409. A bill to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending (Rept. No. 112-181).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 2554, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2017 (Rept. No. 112-182).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 3902. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to revise the timing of special elections for local office in the District of Columbia.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1744. A bill to provide funding for State courts to assess and improve the handling of proceedings relating to adult guardianship and conservatorship, to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program for the conduct of background checks on individuals to be appointed as guardians or conservators, and to promote the widespread adoption of information technology to better monitor, report, and audit conservatorships of protected persons.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Terrence G. Berg, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Jesus G. Bernal, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Lorna G. Schofield, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Danny Chappelle Williams, Sr., of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the

Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3377. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 3378. A bill to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 3379. A bill to standardize the definition of the term "small business refiner" for purposes of laws administered by the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 3380. A bill to provide for the issuance of a Victory for Veterans stamp, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. 3381. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 3382. A bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 3383. A bill to reject the final 5-year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for fiscal years 2012 through 2017 of the Administration and replace the plan with a 5-year plan that is more in line with the energy and economic needs of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 3384. A bill to extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 434

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 434, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten